



Skagit Conservation District Priority Actions – 12 Months FY 2011

Program Area: Land use planning/working land conversion/wildland/urban interface and intermix

Goal: Continue to work with SPF, Farmland Legacy, Agriculture and Forest Land Advisory Boards, WSU Extension, Skagit County, and state government to develop comprehensive policies to be the foundation for future land use decisions in Skagit County.

Funding Sources: Skagit County, WSCC, RCO

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Support efforts to protect and preserve prime farm and forest lands and provide opportunities to promote sustainable natural resource industries	On-going	Carolyn	1.25 FTE	\$81,250	
Farmland Legacy Program (FLP)/Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Assistance and participation					
▪ Assist FLP with goal of protecting 1000 acres/year					
▪ Provide monitoring/status reviews on protected FLP properties					
Alternative Futures Planning with Skagit County					
Flood Control Hazard Mitigation Planning with Skagit County					
Forestry Advisory Board participation					

Program Area: Address negative human and animal impacts to water quality as well as runoff/storm water from all sources, prioritizing landowners impacting water bodies on EPA's 303(d) list in Skagit County.

Goals: By 2015 the SCD will serve 500 landowners impacting water bodies on EPA's 303(d) list in Skagit County.
By 2015 SCD will have a sustainable and well-established Low Impact Development (LID) program.

Funding Sources: Skagit County, Department of Ecology, WSCC, City Interlocal Agreements

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	I
Provide technical assistance to commercial and non-commercial agricultural producers	June 2011	John: TA Kristi: Education	2 FTEs	\$222,500	
Write twenty-five conservation plans prioritizing DOE referrals and landowners in the Samish Basin					
Update ten dairy nutrient management plans					
Provide/locate cost-share to implement bmps identified in plans					
Implement five solar pump/animal exclusion projects					
Conduct at least one workshop for small scale/noncommercial agricultural producers					
Coordinate with other agencies on watershed planning and implementation efforts					
Clean Samish Initiative					
Incentives Subcommittee					
Funding Subcommittee					
Outreach/Education Subcommittee					
Monitoring Subcommittee					
Skagit Conservation Education Alliance					
Marine Resources Committee					
Puget Sound Partnership/Eco Net					
Coordinate Stream Team Monitoring					
Coordinate Storm Team Monitoring in the Samish Basin					
Coordinate Marine Biotoxin Monitoring					

Implement a stormwater education and public involvement program, which includes Low Impact Development (LID)

Implement two rain garden projects

Maintain current interlocal agreements and programs with cities and towns that are subject to stormwater regulations

Continue to promote a Clean and Green Car Wash Kit program

Implement a minimum of one demonstration project for LID

Develop and distribute stormwater educational fact sheets and brochures

Continue the storm drain labeling program

Develop educational displays and presentations promoting stormwater education and water quality protection

Provide resource materials for local schools

Host public meetings and workshops

Assist staff from the cities, County and drainage districts with Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) evaluation

Program Area: Promote and implement projects to sustain adequate drainage for agricultural land

Goal: *SCD will support efforts to have three Coordinated Irrigation District Management Plans (CIDMP) implemented by 2015 in Skagit County.*

Funding Sources: *Skagit County, WSCC*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Work in partnership with Western Washington Ag to implement a minimum of one Irrigation District Management Plan (CIDMP)</i>	June 2011	Joe	.1 FTE	\$6,500	

Program Area: Maintain sufficient water for adequate food production, people and fish & wildlife

Goal: *On an ongoing basis and in partnership with others, seek funding for the implementation of innovative solutions for long-term water quantity management.*

Funding Source: WSCC, NRCS

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Seek funding for landowners to implement water conserving bmps	June 2011	Carolyn	.1 FTE	\$6,500	

Program Area: Protect, preserve and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife

Goal: *By 2015 the SCD will serve 500 landowners impacting fish and wildlife habitat.*

Funding Sources: Skagit County, WSCC, RCO/SRFB, City of Mount Vernon, DOE

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Implement the CREP Program	On-going	Joe: TA	2.5 FTEs	\$292,500	
Maintain and monitor existing easements		Tom:			
Encourage others to apply		Engineering			
Promote the enhanced CREP program, featuring hedgerows and filter strips		Lori: Monitoring			
Work with Skagit County to implement the Natural Resource Stewardship Program		Carolyn: Policy			
Encourage drainage districts to implement hedgerow projects					
Actively participate in Skagit Watershed Council activities					

- Serve on Administrative Board
- Assist with implementation of Middle Skagit project
- Assist with Fir Island feasibility project (Snow Goose Preserve)
- Assist with project review and prioritization
- Implement and maintain DIF riparian projects
- Provide engineering assistance to partnering agencies to implement fish and wildlife habitat projects, including lead of NW Conservation District Engineering cluster
- Secure funding for Cottonwood Island project implementation
- Assist RCO/SRFB as member of technical team
- Continue Backyard Habitat Conservation Program
- Coordinate with the City of Mount Vernon to perform monitoring services on critical areas projects as requested
- Conduct a Native Plant Materials Sale

Program Area: Streambank Erosion/Sediment Control

Goals: By 2015 the SCD will serve 15 landowners to reduce sediment inputs into Skagit County waterways.
By 2015 sediment inputs from roads in the upper watersheds will be reduced.

Funding Sources: SRFB, USFS, Skagit County, WSCC

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
Provide technical assistance to two landowners to implement erosion control and/or sediment reduction projects	June 2011	Tom	.2 FTE	\$263,000	
Implement sediment reduction projects in WRIA 4	June 2011				
Complete design study and engineering for Illabot project	Fall 2010				
Apply for RCO/SRFB funding to continue work in Illabot Watershed	Dec. 2010	Carolyn			

Program Area: Forest Health

Goal: *By 2015 the SCD will serve 25 landowners to implement forest health improvement.*

Funding Sources: *Skagit County, WSCC, NRCS*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Provide technical assistance to develop and implement forest stewardship plans</i>	June 2011	AI	.5 FTE	\$32,500	
<i>Write and implement five forest stewardship plans</i>					
<i>Assist landowners in securing funding to implement plans</i>					
<i>Provide outreach – co-sponsor at least one workshop on forest health</i>					

Program Area: Wildland Urban Interface

Goal: *Provide technical and financial assistance to landowners to develop and implement defensible space strategies*

Funding Sources: *Skagit County, WSCC, DNR*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Implement the Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i>	June 2011	Jenny	1 FTE	\$100,000	
<i>Certify 3 Firewise Communities</i>		AI			
<i>Implement four fuels reduction projects</i>					
<i>Coordinate district state-wide Firewise program and complete final grant report</i>	Sept. 2010	Jenny			
<i>Seek funding to increase program capacity</i>	June 2011	Carolyn			

Program Area: Information – Education

Goals: *Provide conservation education opportunities and volunteer activities to residents of all ages throughout Skagit County, increasing knowledge of resource issues while building community stewardship.*

- *By 2015 provide five workshops with small-acreage landowners.*
- *By 2015 co-sponsor five continuing education seminars and workshops for producers.*
- *By 2015 provide or co-sponsor information opportunities for the general public (e.g. radio, workshops, etc.).*

Funding Sources: *Skagit County, WSCC Department of Ecology, City Interlocal Agreements*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Provide conservation education opportunities and volunteer activities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Arbor Day</i> - <i>Soil and Water Stewardship Week</i> - <i>Envirothon</i> - <i>Classroom presentations</i> - <i>Sixth Grade Tour</i> - <i>Watershed Masters</i> - <i>Biannual newsletter</i> - <i>Update District brochures and fact sheets</i> - <i>Displays at Eagle Fest, Earth Day and Skagit County Fair</i> - <i>Treeture appearances</i> - <i>Maintain a teacher resource library</i> - <i>Coordinate volunteer activities</i> 	June 2011	Adult program: Kristi Youth Program: Cindy Print media: Jenny	.85 FTE	\$82,250	

Program Area: District Operations

Goals: *Adequate, stable, long-term funding for SCD programs*

- *By 2012 SCD will have an approved assessment.*
- *By 2015 SCD will sell the development right for the PMC and set up a trust fund for statewide conservation district environmental education (administration TBD.)*

Updated policies and procedures

- *By 2015 SCD will continue to be in compliance with policies, procedures and legal requirements.*

Funding Sources: *WSCC, Skagit County*

Activities for FY2011	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding	Notes
<i>Work to secure adequate, stable, long-term funding for SCD programs</i>	June 2011	Carolyn Sue Cora	2. FTEs	\$247,500	
<i>Meet statutory, administrative and fiscal responsibilities</i>					
<i>Maintain District in Good Standing</i>					
<i>Provide leadership and professional development opportunities for Board of Supervisors and staff</i>					
<i>Recognize those, including volunteers, who have made a positive contribution toward the protection, enhancement or preservation of Skagit County's natural resources</i>					
<i>Update policies and procedures as needed and recommended</i>					
<i>Provide regular progress and performance evaluation on District programs</i>					
<i>Maintain current land use and program data bases</i>					
<i>Continue to utilize an effective public relations program</i>					
<i>Maintain contact with local, state and national representatives, both public and private</i>					
<i>Coordinate with other districts to leverage resources to implement mutually beneficial programs</i>					
<i>Pursue the sale of the development right for the PMC</i>					
<i>Maintain an effective and efficient office environment</i>					



FY2011 Annual Budget Skagit Conservation District

Revenues		
	Carry Forward	\$50,000
	Conservation Commission	\$340,000
	Department of Ecology	\$100,000
	SRFB	\$360,000
	Skagit County	\$506,000
	Contracts and Interlocals	\$30,000
	Tree Sales	\$40,000
	Other Sales	\$100
	Sales Tax	\$3,000
	Donations	\$5,000
	Interest	\$200
	Misc. Revenues	\$6,000
Total Revenue		\$1,440,300
Expenses		
	Salaries/Benefits	\$715,000
	Rent and Utilities	\$80,000
	Goods and Services	\$60,000
	Travel/Training	\$25,000
	Equipment	\$9,000
	Business Tax	\$3,500
	Professional Services	\$350,000
	Items for Resale	\$30,000
	Cost-share	\$65,000
	Reserve/Leave balance	\$102,800
Total Expense		\$1,440,300